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FOR SECRETARY SCHLESINGER ONLY FROM AMBASSADOR MANSFIELD

EA FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ENRG, JA
SUBJECT: DOE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER VISIT

1. NOW THAT YOUR TRIP TO THE PRC IS FIRING UP, I WOULD
LIKE TO MAKE A PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION THAT YOU STOP IN
TOKYO ON YOUR RETURN.

2. IT DID NOT ESCAPE JAPANESE NOTICE THAT WHEN WE
INFORMED JAPANESE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ABOUT THE OUTCOME
OF DR. PRESS' VISIT TO CHINA THERE WAS NO MENTION OF AN
AGREEMENT TO COOPERATE ON ENERGY R&D. YOUR TRIP WILL BE
LOOKED UPON HERE AS FILLING THAT GAP AND THERE WILL BE
WIDESPREAD INTEREST IN THE OTHER POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC
ASPECTS OF YOUR VISIT.

3. GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR RELATIONS WITH JAPAN AND
THE EMPHASIS WHICH PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA IS PLACING ON
US-JAPANESE COOPERATION IN THE ENERGY FIELD, I THINK YOUR
STOP HERE WOULD HAVE GREAT IMPACT AND RESONANCE. IT WOULD
ALSO BE VIEWED AS MAJOR EVIDENCE OF THE CONTINUING
STRENGTH OF THE US-JAPANESE ALLIANCE. IT WOULD UNDERLINE
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OUR INTENTION TO KEEP JAPAN FULLY AND CONSTANTLY INFORMED.
THE JAPANESE WOULD BENEFIT FROM HEARING YOUR IMPRESSIONS
OF THE PRC AND WOULD OFFER THEIR OWN OPINIONS IN RETURN;
THEY HAVE HAD CONSIDERABLE CONTACT IN THE ENERGY FIELD
WITH THE CHINESE AND FOR A MUCH LONGER PERIOD THAN WE.
FURTHERMORE, YOUR PERSONAL VIEWS AND ASSURANCES ON THE
ENERGY POLICY SITUATION IN WASHINGTON COULD SERVE TO CALM

JAPANESE CONCERNS ABOUT ENERGY IMPORTS, THE WEAKENED DOLLAR, NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION, AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

4. A LATE OCTOBER STOP IN TOKYO MIGHT ALSO BE A PROPITIOUS TIME FOR YOU TO TAKE SOME FURTHER STEPS CONCERNING THE FUKUDA S&T INITIATIVE. YOUR PEOPLE WILL BE HERE EARLY IN SEPTEMBER TO BEGIN TECHNICAL TALKS. BY THE END OF OCTOBER PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE MIGHT BE SUFFICIENTLY ADVANCED FOR YOU TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT OR MAKE A PUBLIC STATEMENT WHICH WOULD ADD FURTHER POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE TO THE TRIP.

5. I DEEPLY REGRET TO SAY THAT I WILL NOT BE IN JAPAN AT THE TIME OF YOUR TRIP, SINCE I MUST FULFILL A LONG-PLANNED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT IN THE U.S. MY STAFF AND THE JAPANESE, HOWEVER, WOULD BENEFIT GREATLY FROM YOUR PRESENCE, EVEN IF IT WERE TO BE ONLY FOR A DAY.
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